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SHIFTING OF AGRICULTURE MARKETING TO CONCURRENT LIST
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Working Group on Agriculture for Eleventh Five Year Plan had suggested shifting of agriculture marketing from State to the Concurrent List;

(b) if so, whether the Government has accepted the suggestion made by the Working Group;

(c) whether the Government has written to the States for eliciting their views in this regard; and

(d) if so, the response of the States in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) & (b): The Working Group on Marketing Infrastructure and Policy Required for Internal and External Trade set-up by the Planning Commission for formulating the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007- 12) under the Chairmanship of Prof. S. S. Acharaya had made, among others, a recommendation for shifting of 'agriculture marketing' from the list of State subjects to the Concurrent list. The recommendations of the Working Group provided one of the inputs for formulating the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) which was approved in the 54th meeting of the National Development Council held on 19th December 2007. The Eleventh Five-Year Plan document has not made any recommendation for shifting of 'agriculture marketing' from the State to the Concurrent List.

(c) & (d): Planning Commission has not written to the States to elicit their views specifically in this regard.